



# Tempe Public Art

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## Barbara Grygutis

*Luminaria*, 2006

Perforated pre-rusted aluminum,  
stone and lighting

### Location:

13th Street and Mill Avenue

### Artist Website:

[www.BarbaraGrygutis.com](http://www.BarbaraGrygutis.com)

Photo: Craig Smith

**Description:** *Luminaria* is a distinctive gateway marker distinguishing this intersection from other neighborhood entrances along Mill Avenue. The sculpture echoes the shape of a feather and the shape of a leaf, two of the elements which contribute to the special quality of a neighborhood characterized by old tree growth that provides a haven to numerous bird species. The 17.5' tall perforated metal sculpture is lit from within and semi-transparent, creating a lighted entryway at night. As the Arizona light shifts in the sky, filtering through the perforated metal, moiré patterns are created on the sculpture's surface, giving it a sense of motion. The sculptural marker is supported by a stone base, further emphasizing the importance of the natural environment to the daily lives of its residents.

**Artist biography:** Born in Hartford, Connecticut, and raised in Israel, Barbara Grygutis received an MFA from the University of Arizona. Barbara Grygutis has completed numerous works of art for public spaces throughout the United States and in Canada. Awards she has received include the National Endowment for the Arts' Individual Artist's Fellowship and an Individual Project Design; and Second Place in the International Quadrennial Competition in Faenza, Italy. In 2011, the New York Municipal Art Society awarded a MASTERworks Honorable Mention for her work, Bronx River View, a sculptural installation at Whitlock Station, MTA, New York City. In addition to her permanent public art installations, Grygutis' work has been exhibited at The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC; The Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, New York; The Bronx Museum in New York City; and The Parker Collection for the Vice-President's House and the White House, both in Washington, D.C.

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